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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM:

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Director, Office of External Affairs

SUBJECT: Invitation to Lunch With WASHINGTON TIMES Editorial Board

1. Action Requested: Accept invitation of WASHINGTON TIMES Editor and Publisher James R. Whelan to meet for lunch with the newspaper's Editorial Board.

2. Background: Mr. Whelan has agreed in a telephone conversation that your remarks would be off-the-record unless otherwise specified by you. Since the newspaper's editorial views have been sympathetic to our positions on such issues as budget increases, identities legislation and FOIA relief, such a meeting should reinforce their views and provide a valuable insight into our needs and problems. (See selected editorials.) The paper has been published for the past six months and its circulation has risen to over 100,000. Eight other Cabinet members have been hosted by the newspaper. If a luncheon is not convenient Mr. Whelan has agreed that other arrangements could be made.

3. Recommendation: Accept the invitation and authorize that appropriate arrangements be made.

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Attachments
As stated

APPROVED:

Director of Central Intelligence

Date

DISAPPROVED:

Director of Central Intelligence

Date

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Dear Mr. Casey:

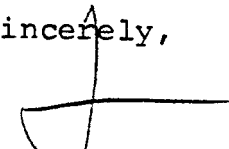
I wish to extend to you an invitation to meet for lunch with the Editorial Board of The Washington Times.

The Times, as you no doubt know, has in its first five and a half months of publication since last May 17, not only gained a paid circulation of over 100,000, but has also been privileged to host eight Cabinet secretaries, President Marcos of the Philippines, and other important figures in the public and private sector.

If it happens that you cannot fit a luncheon into your busy schedule, please let us know what other arrangements can be made and I'm sure we can be accommodating.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you or, in my absence, please contact my Executive Assistant, Jonathan Slevin.

Sincerely,


James R. Whelan

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